

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

A Question Of
Inflexibility

MORE than once in the past we have complained about the inflexibility of the policy which governs Radio Hongkong programmes. The complaint is now repeated.

Yesterday lunchtime provided a classic example of the rigidity which encompasses the enforcement of programmes selected at least a week before they are due to go on the air. And that rigidity tolerates nothing in the way of new circumstances, neither does it permit consideration for listeners' interests.

Whether the programme controllers of Radio Hongkong realise it or not, the cricket Test series has a wide appeal among listeners. And when the state of play has reached such a dramatic pitch as at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, it should not, if the radio service is intelligently directed, be made subordinate to an ordinary, everyday programme such as a 20-minute "Afternoon Concert."

When the listener, who is aware that England require 94 runs to win the fourth Test, is blandly told by an announcer that the score is 10 runs for the loss of two wickets, and then is informed that the "Afternoon Concert" follows immediately, he is entitled to feel aggrieved.

EVEN when there is no Test cricket being played, it is doubtful whether the number of listeners to concert music at 1.30 in the afternoon is very great. When there is a counter-attraction such as Test cricket, the number interested in hearing music, we are certain, considerably diminishes.

There was, therefore, no acceptable excuse for Radio Hongkong already tuned in to the Test commentary, deciding to ignore a highly dramatic and intensely entertaining (from the listening point of view) part of its advertised "Afternoon Concert" programme.

This is not giving the public the service rightfully theirs. The most anti-cricket listeners cannot claim that Radio Hongkong overdoes its Test match coverage, and we will wager that not a single voice of protest from listeners if the station had decided because of the drama of the situation at Adelaide yesterday lunchtime, to replace the advertised musical concert with an additional relay of the Test commentary.

The blunder may be forgiven and forgotten, but what listeners have a right to know is whether this policy of inflexibility pertaining to advertised programmes is to be perpetuated by Radio Hongkong.

It is a policy which reflects on the progressive-mindedness of those responsible. It can irritate and also undermine the goodwill of the public towards the station. Any policy which has the effect of ignoring the demands of the moment, and does not permit of any last-minute changes in advertised programmes to cater for those contingencies, is deficient as a public service.

NEW POLITICAL STATUS FOR COLONIES PROPOSED

DEATH OF MR W. KAY

PROMINENT HK EDUCATIONIST

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn of the death yesterday in Bournemouth of Mr William (Jack) Kay, a prominent and esteemed member of the Education Department in pre-war days, and officer in charge of the Government Relief Section during the first year of the Colony's liberation from the Japanese.

The late Mr Kay came to Hongkong in September, 1913, to join the teaching staff of Queen's College.

Subsequently he became headmaster of Salingpu, Wanchai and Ellis Kadoorie Schools, and ultimately headmaster of King's College.

In 1937 he acted as Director of Education.

He was affectionately known to his Chinese friends and thousands of his old pupils as Kay Wai-lum.

He resuscitated the Queen's College magazine Yellow Dragon and most of his contributions of light verse were published in two books, A Domino's Doggerel, and Kay-otic Rhymes.

It was largely due to his efforts that the Queen's College Old Boys' Association came to life in 1920.



The late Mr Kay

A stalwart of the local St Andrew's Society, Mr Kay was one of its most popular chiefs.

Mr Kay retired for the first time in March 1939.

During the last war he was at first an officer in the Home Guard, but later became a well-known figure at aerodromes under construction, spending three gruelling winters in some of the stormiest parts of Britain—the Hebrides, North Shetland and Ross and Cromarty.

In 1945 at the request of the Government Mr Kay returned to Hongkong on September 11, exactly 32 years after he first set foot in the Colony. With the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, he took charge of the STI (Relief) Branch of the Civil Affairs Administration and rendered yeoman service in helping many people back on their feet. So great was the appreciation of his relief work to people of all nationalities and communities that a request was made to the SCM Post to publish his photograph when the news of his second retirement was announced.

Mr Kay left Hongkong on July 6, 1949.

"Grand Council" Affiliation With The United Kingdom

London, Feb. 2.

Lord Ogmore, a Labour peer, called for a new relationship between Britain and the British colonies during a debate on colonial affairs in The House of Lords today.

He favoured a "Grand Council"—a federal body for the United Kingdom and all the colonial territories which desired to join it.

The Council would control defence, foreign affairs, foreign services and common economic matters. It would, he suggested, obviate the difficulties now being experienced by the government over the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

INVITATION TO DEBATE

UN Still Awaits Peking Reply

New York, Feb. 2.

The Chinese Communist reply to the United Nations invitation to send a representative to ceasefire talks in the Security Council was still awaited at UN headquarters today.

Considerable interest was aroused by a press report from Peking that Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Prime Minister, had already drafted the reply, but UN officials and key delegations said they had no knowledge of it having been received.

International Police Probe Mystery

Boulogne, Feb. 2.

The mysterious death of two British subjects who died one here and the other in Barcelona last Thursday from overdose of sleeping tablets had the international police scratching their heads today.

The police said the pair, 55-year-old Hungarian-born Samuel Braun and 48-year-old Britisher Ernest Westner landed together at Calais near here on Jan. 23.

They said that Braun registered at a hotel here and was found dead from an overdose of sleeping tablets 48 hours later, while Westner immediately caught the train for Barcelona where he reportedly died in a boarding house the same day and under same conditions as his companion after giving the same non-existent address in New Street.

The international police, who are conducting a parallel investigation here, and in Barcelona on the two strange deaths which occurred almost simultaneously 600 miles apart, said the disappearance of Braun's passport adds even more intrigue to the case.

Meanwhile, Braun's funeral, which was to have been held today, was delayed 24 hours at the request of a London friend, Dr Friedl, who wants to attend the service.—France-Press.

The prevailing feeling was that Mr Chou would probably try to set conditions for the attendance of Peking representatives at the Security Council debate, but that the Chinese Communists would eventually accept the invitation.

It is expected that they will intimate their intention of coming to New York to discuss not only the New Zealand proposal that the Council take up the question of a ceasefire but also the Soviet item charging United States with aggression and calling for the withdrawal of American forces from the Far East area.

The Council decided last Monday that the New Zealand proposal should be discussed and disposed of first before the Soviet allegations were taken up.

But experienced Council members do not have any great hope of being able to confine debate strictly to the New Zealand item.

With this in mind it is unlikely that the West will stick grimly to the letter of the Council's decision. It is expected that some method will be found to gloss over the difficulty should Mr Chou insist that the New Zealand and Soviet items be discussed simultaneously.

But the Western powers will not entertain a full-scale debate on problems such as Chinese representation in the United Nations and the status of Formosa and the Pescadores. British sources said that the British delegation would insist on confining the discussion to the coastal islands.—Reuters.

UNDERGRAD'S ENTERPRISE

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 2.

A young Yale undergraduate is piling up a small fortune by selling suits here which he has made up for him in Hongkong from British fabrics.

Reason for the brisk business is that the student, 19-year-old Shelby Tucker, can sell the suits for about half what they would cost if they were made here because of the comparatively low cost of labour in Hongkong.

After taking a customer's measurements, Tucker skims the order to a tailor in Hongkong and gets the suit in about three to four weeks.—Reuters.

Lord Ogmore, as David Rees-Williams, was Under-Secretary for the Colonies in the Labour Government.

Lord Lloyd, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said a Grand Council would have to be either consultative or executive.

If purely advisory, they could not put parliament into a position of having to accept its advice.

If executive, it might clash with parliament and the cherished pride which colonial people were taking in their political institutions.

Lord Lloyd said the difficulties involved need not be insuperable if the Grand Council proved to be what the territories would like to have.

"It is not difficult to work out a paper scheme of what we all regard as a nice tidy arrangement," he said. "But the important thing is that it would be acceptable to and if possible, positively desired by the territories."

"If it were not, we might be creating an artificial organ which might be a disruptive instead of a unifying influence."

MUST SAVE MALAYA

Lord Ogmore, who initiated the debate, referred to reports of a big concentration of Communists with barracks, training grounds and many other facilities needed by armies just north of the frontier of Malaya and the road between Malaya and Bangkok.

He asked if Britain and the United States would stabilise Malaya's economy when the new government came into being, not only by giving military and technical help, but also by securing a proper long-term marketing arrangement for tin and rubber.

"Malaya is our last chance in Southeast Asia," he said. "If Malaya goes Communist, you can roll up the map of democracy in Asia, particularly in Southeast Asia."

"In these matters, they must federate or disintegrate."—Reuters.

Chiefs Of Staff In Dispute

Washington, Feb. 2.

A showdown was imminent today in the light between US Army Chief of Staff General Matthew Ridgway and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Arthur Haddford over a projected 320,000-manpower cut in the US ground forces.

Gen. Ridgway, who is backed by the Democratic majority in the Congress, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee that the proposed "new look" in the armed forces would jeopardise national defence.

A lively debate on the military "new look" is expected soon in Congress.—France-Press.

Coronation Costs

London, Feb. 2.

Government expenses for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in June 1953 totalled £1,121,000, it was disclosed today.

The Civil Appropriation Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1954, said the amount was £284,191 less than the figure granted by Parliament for the ceremony.—China Mail Special.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT IN VOLCANO



Crouched in the foreground of this picture is Satoru Takayanagi, a young Japanese. His fiancée, Setsumi Endo is on the stretcher behind. They travelled from Tokyo to the island of Oshima, a famed "suicide spot" and climbed to the edge of Mount Mihar, a volcano. Hours later cries for help were heard and volunteers climbed down 600 ft. into the volcano to find the couple lying on a ledge, which broke their fall. They were brought out—he was uninjured, but she had a smashed ankle and many bruises. The rescue team were in need of first aid, owing to the heavy sulphur fumes they had inhaled.—London Express.

Churchill Predicts Hydrogen & Atom Bomb Equality

London, Feb. 2.

Sir Winston Churchill told other Commonwealth Prime Ministers here today he believed Russia would have hydrogen and atom bomb equality with the West within a few years.

The Prime Minister was analysing the risks of an atomic war on the third day of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' week-long conference here on international affairs.

He told his fellow statesmen at the secret talks that had it not been for America's mastery in nuclear power the free world would have been overrun.

But he predicted that when both sides were equal in atomic power—with all that implied—there might be a chance of reaching a lasting East-West understanding.

A dissenting voice in the atomic discussion was that of Mr Jawaharlal Nehru of India, who argued that manufacture of both hydrogen and atom bombs should stop.

Later today all the statesmen, except Mr Nehru and Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon, discussed Middle East defence in the light of Britain's decision to withdraw her 70,000-strong garrison from Egypt.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Conference spokesmen said the discussion was in strict terms and none of the Prime Ministers went into detail in their views on the eventual redeployment of the British troops.

Behind the scenes of the conference there was a new move aimed to ease the tension on the Formosa crisis.

Sir Nehru met Indonesia's London Ambassador, Mr Supomo, whose government, it was learned, wants the "Colombo Powers"—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia—to tackle the Formosa problem.

Dr Supomo later saw Sir John Kotelawala and the Burmese Charge d'Affaires in Britain and will tomorrow meet Mr Mohammed Ali, Prime Minister of Pakistan.

The Indonesian plan is secret, but its starting point is believed to be a special Formosa conference of the Colombo Powers.—Reuters.

Mrs Wheeler Leaves Gaol

London, Feb. 2.

Lord Vivian, 48-year-old theatrical impresario, met Mrs Maylis Wheeler when she left prison today after serving a term for wounding him in a shooting incident last October.

Mrs Wheeler, 39, earned her maximum remission for good conduct on her six months' sentence at a women's prison without bars on the northern outskirts of London.

The poor met her in his car a few miles from the gaol. Later at a London flat he said: "We are completely devoted."

She added: "That is completely true."

Lord Vivian left a London nursing home recently after the second of two operations following the shooting. He has visited Mrs Wheeler in prison on several occasions.—China Mail Special.

Terrorists Surrender

Nairobi, Feb. 2.

Seven Mau Mau terrorists, including one woman and one hard-core fanatic, surrendered in Kenya today, continuing the new trend since Jan. 17 last, when Britain offered an amnesty to those who would now give themselves up peacefully.

During January there was a total of 135 surrendered Mau Mau of whom 60 came under the new British offer.

Other statistics for January both before and after the offer showed 191 Mau Mau killed, 81 others captured, and 770 detained as suspects.

On the other side of the ledger, seven of the African security forces, 14 African civilians and one European were killed during last month.—France-Press.

Channel Tunnel Plan Rejected

London, Feb. 3.

The construction of a Channel tunnel linking England and France was rejected by Mr Hugh Molson, Joint Under-Secretary, Ministry of Transport, in the House of Commons last night as uneconomic.

He said the tunnel would cost about £85 million to build and it was unlikely that it would bring in revenue sufficient to cover such capital investment.

Mr Molson said his Ministry had investigated the project in the last four months.

The tunnel would be unlikely to be of great value to travellers from the point of view of comfort or cheapness. Nor would it be useful for the export or import of most classes of goods.

In modern warfare it would be too vulnerable to be relied on for the movement of troops.—China Mail Special.

ALLEGED BRIBERY BY HK LOBBY

Manila, Feb. 3.

The Lower House instructed the Committee on Privileges last night to investigate an alleged US\$1,000,000 bribery of eight Congressmen by a Hongkong lobby interested in repeal of the retail trade Filipinization law.

The bribery story appeared in one of the local sensational weeklies.

The resolution instructing the Privileges Committee to start an immediate investigation was approved by the Lower House.

The author of the resolution, Congressman Seranilaco Ortega, said that the committee depending on its findings could either recommend for disciplinary action against those Congressmen involved in the alleged bribery or take the matter weekly to court.

for 1954 in the event that the story had no basis.

The report in the weekly said that six Nacionalista and two Democratic Congressmen who returned from Hongkong recently pleaded their support for amendment of the retail trade Filipinization law to the Chinese lobby for which the Congressmen were alleged to have been paid about US\$1,000,000.—France-Press.

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After about six hours of fishing from a boat in the snow, Mr. L. Rose, of Methil, seen with a 24-pdr. he landed during the opening day of the Tay Salmon Rod Fishing season on the River Tay and Loch Tay, Perthshire. — Central Press Photo.

Prime Ministers Entertained By The Queen

London, Feb. 2.

Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh entertained the eight Commonwealth Prime Ministers at a glittering dinner party in the State dining room of Buckingham Palace tonight.

The Queen sat at the centre of the long, gaily-decorated table, facing the Duke of Edinburgh, with the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, on her right and the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, on her left.

Boys' Death Struggles With Crocodiles

Singapore, Feb. 2.

Two boys fought desperate life-and-death struggles with crocodiles and in each instance the boys triumphed over the river killers.

In Borneo, a twelve-year-old boy, named Sulaiman, was lying on a raft in the river when a crocodile seized his left arm and pulled him into the shallow water.

The boy fought unavailingly and was being dragged into deep water when he remembered the crocodile's weakest spot—his eyes. He jabbed the crocodile's eyes out with his right hand. The blinded crocodile released his arm, and the boy struggled ashore safely, though he suffered deep cuts and gashes in the fight.

SET TRAP

In Batu Pahat, Johore, an 18-year-old villager set a trap for a killer crocodile which had eaten a baby the week before. He baited the trap with a poisoned fowl, and waited patiently beside the river for a day and a night.

The crocodile took the bait and came to the surface, appearing rather dazed. The boy plunged a spear into its nose and called to his friends. They dragged the crocodile ashore and measured it; it was 17-feet long—the largest crocodile killed in Malaya in postwar years. — France-Press.

MOUSE MASCOT KILLED

Requena, Spain, Feb. 2. A white mouse, the mascot of the Requena radio station, has been killed by order of the station manager because it might cause women announcers to shirk, according to the El Fin Agency.

The station engineer, too, felt that the mouse might throw a trick and upset the day's programme during the racing over the station's switchboard. — China Mail Special.

Ultimate Deterrent To Aggression MOBILE SEA BASES

Washington, Feb. 2.

Mr. James Smith, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, asserted today that naval power, organised for atomic warfare, could become "the ultimate deterrent" to inter-continental aggression.

He said naval power of the future would be embodied in "mobile sea bases" equipped with a variety of weapons capable of striking an enemy at home at a distance of 1,500 miles or more.

United States naval doctrine for the era of inter-continental missiles and a profusion of atomic weapons was set forth by Mr. Smith in an article published in the current issue of U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings.

This is a professional magazine published unofficially but with high naval officers on the Board of Control.

SPECIAL QUALITY

The Navy official said the special quality of mobility made the Navy still a vital factor in national defence in the atomic age.

He contended that potential enemies would eventually develop long-range weapons of sufficient power to knock out U.S. aid bases abroad and "also make even our immovable home bases vulnerable to sudden overwhelming attacks which could prevent our counter-attack."

"On the other hand sea bases can be readily decentralised and scattered and their location

cannot be predicted by the enemy," he added.

Even long-range missiles, such as those developed from German V-1 and V-2 types, could not be used effectively against moving targets, he continued.

"For maximum assurance against a surprise attack, at least part of the United States' counter-attack potential must be decentralised and dispersed far and wide on moving bases. This might be called an ultimate or an additional deterrent, supplementing our fixed-base striking forces. In any event it is so important that if we did not have mobile sea bases we should be forced to invent them."

CARRIER ALONE

Mr. Smith said a mobile sea base could consist of a carrier alone, a submarine from which aircraft or missiles could be launched "or simply the sea itself from which seaplanes supplied by mobile tenders operate against the target."

He envisioned the future carrier task force as a dozen large, fast ships spread out over an area about 200 miles across. It would consist of about three carriers, several guided missile cruisers and two high-speed resupply ships.

"It would be so widely dispersed that no single weapon, of any size now visualised, can seriously damage more than one ship," wrote Mr. Smith.

"Such a force would pack a very great offensive punch. It would include aircraft able to deliver large yield weapons under all weather conditions against every base 1,500 or more miles distant. It would have smaller, supersonic aircraft, each able to deliver in the medium ranges a weapon large enough to knock out an opposing air base or missile site....

TIGHT CONTROL

"These forces would be self-sustaining for some 30 days of operations.... In the dispersion of the force's ships and the range of its weapons, such a carrier force could exert a tight and exclusive control over an area of 60,000 square miles....

"With perhaps a half a dozen seaplanes, a single tender and a pair of logistic submarines, an integrated force could be provided that an enemy could not ignore," declared Mr. Smith. "Once nuclear propulsion can be fitted to the seaplanes—and for this they appear ideally suited—the submarines could be dispersed with and the tender base moved still farther back out of attack range."

Quited Press.

Reds Claim A-Powered Robot

Paris, Feb. 2.

An atom-powered robot machine had been used in Russia to automatically direct some technical jobs in industry, a Soviet scientist told Russia's Academy of Sciences in a speech reported by the Soviet Tass News Agency today.

The scientist, whose name was given as Topchev, reportedly told the general meeting of the Academy which was held here today that "atomic bombardments" are being used in some branches of Soviet medicine and biology.

Topchev, who is a member of the Academy, also said two atom-powered electric stations, one industrial and the other experimental, are now operating in the Soviet Union. — France-Press.

Wellington, N.Z. Feb. 2.

Passengers and crew of a railler which caught fire while climbing a long gradient in the Hawkes Bay district of North Island, helped to put out the fire with water baled from nearby puddles.

The halt held up traffic for an hour. Passengers continued their journey by bus. — China Mail Special.

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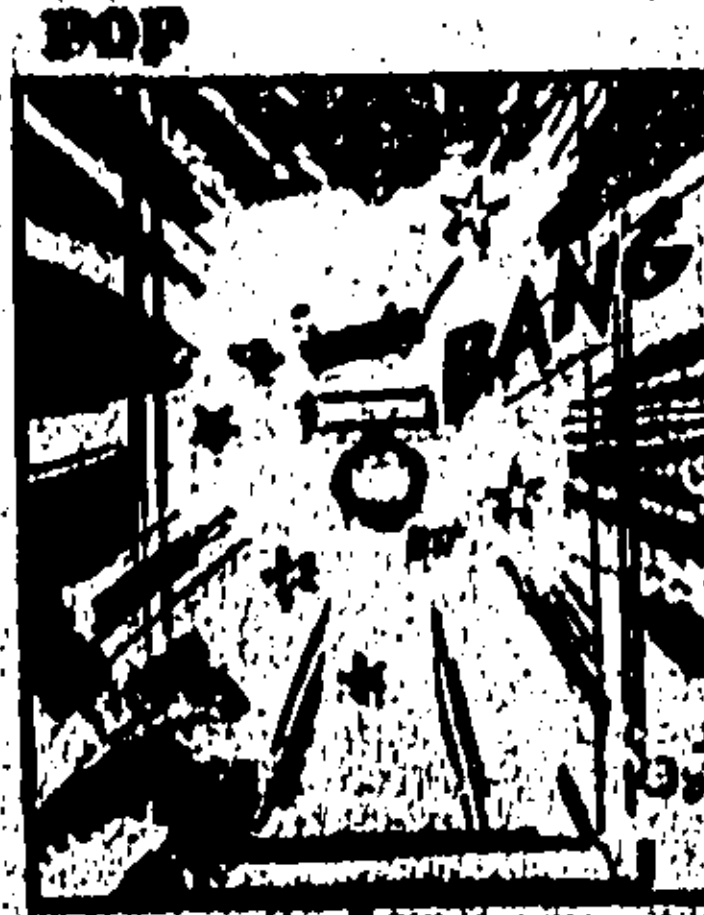
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West European Union Approve Formation

Paris, Feb. 2.

The conference dealing with the standardisation and supply of arms for the seven nations of the Western European Union — Great Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries — today agreed to set up a common arms agency on a functional rather than a supra-national basis.

It decided that this agency should be (1) maintained on a seven-nation basis and (2) based on co-operation between the governments and competition between the national armaments industries.

At the suggestion of the German delegation, the conference appointed a sub-working group to examine the technical details of how standardisation and co-ordination in the supply of arms can best be worked out in practice. This subgroup starts its work tomorrow and will report to a full meeting in about a fortnight's time.

The British delegation also submitted a working memorandum which conference sources said stresses that the Western European Union should standardise the arms production on a technical and functional basis, rather than in terms of a supra-nationally controlled organisation.

FRENCH REQUEST

The conference was originally called at the request of France, which submitted a working plan on January 17 in which stress was laid on the proposed production agency being given a supra-national character.

But a French Foreign Office spokesman tonight pointed out that the French memorandum

Collins Returning To Indo-China

Washington, Feb. 2. Gen. J. Lawton Collins will leave tomorrow for Saigon, it was announced here tonight.

Gen. Collins yesterday gave evidence to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

His report on South Vietnam was optimistic. He is expected in Saigon on February 8, but it has not yet been decided as to how long he will stay in Indo-China. — France-Press.

31 KILLED IN TORNADOES

Memphis, Feb. 2. Thirty-one people were killed and 100 others injured as the result of tornadoes which ravaged the Mississippi towns of Commerce Landing and Olive Branch last night. It was reported here today.

A daylong snowstorm snarled New York City's already traffic-jammed streets and emergency snowplough crews were put on 24-hour duty to clear the slush before it could turn to ice.

Between three and five inches of snow fell on the city and the temperature was expected to fall to between five and 10 degrees during the night. Driving conditions were hazardous throughout the metropolitan area.

Trains were running nearly two hours late into the city and rush hour commuters were delayed getting to their homes. — France-Press and United Press.

FAILURE OF BAGDAD MISSION

London, Feb. 2.

The Arab League mission to Bagdad was reported tonight (Wednesday) to have failed in its immediate task of settling the dispute between Egypt and Iraq over the proposed pact between Iraq and Turkey.

But a joint communiqué issued in Bagdad said General Nuri al Said the Iraqi Prime Minister, agreed to a proposal being put to the Arab League conference that he and Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, should meet in Beirut.

Earlier today Colonel Nasser threatened in Cairo to quit the Arab League collective security pact if Iraq signed the pact with Turkey. He proposed a new alliance for Arab states "who are not involved in any foreign pact."

Lebanese Foreign Ministry sources said in Beirut that the Lebanese Prime Minister, Sami Bey el Solh, who headed the Bagdad mission, had reported that Iraq had not changed her mind on the pact and had decided to ratify it before February 20. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Applaud (4).
- 4 Holps (7).
- 8 Land measure (4).
- 9 Tropical tree (4).
- 10 Slope (7).
- 11 Foreign coin (4).
- 12 Lake (4).
- 14 Rubbing out (7).
- 17 Bedeck (5).
- 19 Bundles (5).
- 22 Gowns (7).
- 26 Opening (4).
- 27 Climbing plant (4).
- 28 Restricted (7).
- 29 Put to flight (4).
- 30 Communists (4).
- 31 Withdraws (7).
- 32 Always (4).

DOWN

- 2 Burdened (6).
- 3 Coddle (6).
- 4 Get up (5).
- 5 Spanish lady (6).
- 6 Lends (5).
- 7 Kind of saw (5).
- 12 Girl (4).
- 13 Actor's part (4).
- 15 Small island (4).
- 16 Blast of wind (4).
- 18 Venerable (6).
- 20 Disinclined (6).
- 21 Make certain (6).
- 23 Elevate (5).
- 24 Backbites (5).
- 25 Tosses (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Peruse, 5 Court, 8 Altar, 9 Oblige, 10 Rally, 11 Emmet, 12 Oval, 13 Force, 16 Endure, 18 Lull, 20 Spent, 22 Toll, 23 Seem, 25 Nadie, 26 Elated, 27 Gown, 28 Bound, 29 Swarms, 30 Dearth, 31 Prolong, 32 Reliable, 33 Sage, 4 Element, 5 Reporter, 15 Explores, 16 Entered, 17 Digress, 19 Ensign, 21 Piano, 24 Saw.



Princess Margaret Preparing For Trinidad Carnival

Port of Spain, Feb. 2.

Princess Margaret enjoyed a quiet lazy day here today before embarking on the first engagements of her tour of the British West Indies.

Rested after her long flight across the Atlantic, she took advantage of Trinidad's sunshine and blue sky to go for a swim this afternoon in the pool at Government House.

The weather was kind. She awoke to grey overcast skies in the luxurious Prince of Wales suite of Government House, but the sun broke through later in the day.

It promised to stay for the first time on the Royal Programme, a garden party in the lawns outside the Princess's window. It will be followed by a gay carnival with carypsos and dancing and a fireworks display.

EXPLORING

The Princess and her Ladies-in-Waiting spent their free time exploring surroundings and getting used to the change in the weather. Acclimatising was made easier by the mild spring-like weather they left behind in London on Monday.

Princess Margaret herself slept on a wooden carved bed with drapes in turquoise satin brocade, patterned with white stars.

Adjoining the cream bedroom is a boudoir with a fine cut-glass chandelier and furniture up-hoisted in chintz, decorated with a flower motif. There is also a bedroom in pale blue and green and pink and green fittings.

Princess Margaret had fruit juice, China tea and toast for breakfast. In the streets outside, gay with red, white and blue bunting and huge "welcome" signs, the 100,000 people of Port of Spain chanted excitedly about the Royal visitor.

All day long in odd corners of Port of Spain carypso singers, dancers and musicians practised hard for tonight's carnival show.

Most of the music came from the "Islander"—the name given

to the oil drums and garbage cans that go to make up the traditional steel bands which make such fascinating music.

TOP OF BILL
Starred at the top of tonight's bill of 11 performers was the "Mighty Panther," the Beau Brummel of carypsos, in his morning suit, top hat and spats.

In reality, Vernon Roberts, he has composed a special carypso for the Princess and will sing it himself. — Reuter.

Russia Working On Inter-Planet Project

New Delhi, Feb. 2.

Soviet scientists are working hard on a project to go to the moon and other planets, declared M. Maslovitch, astrophysics specialist in the Soviet delegation to the Indian Scientific Congress here today.

The leader of the delegation, Academician Ostrovityanov, stated that atomic power had been used to blow up rock barriers in the way of irrigation works.

The USSR is always ready to share its knowledge for the peaceful use of atomic energy, he affirmed. — France-Press.

Man From U.K. Colonial Office

COL. W. A. MULLER, Colonial Office Inspector - General of Police in Singapore on a routine inspection tour.

He is expected to be in Singapore for 10 days, after which he will visit the Federation. Then he will proceed to Hongkong.

A platoon of Gurkhas formed a guard of honour when he visited the Police Training School, Thomson Road, Singapore.

Col. Muller was met by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. N. G. Morris. The acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. W. J. Parks, and Assistant Commissioners Messrs. A. E. G. Blades, R. W. Calderwood, A. E. Anderson and G. W. Jackson were also present. — Straits Times.

Photo.

German-Danish Minorities Issue May Be Solved

Bonn, Feb. 2.

West Germany today suggested negotiations with Denmark "in the near future" on the rights of minorities on both sides of the German-Danish border—a burning issue between the two countries since the end of the first world war.

The West German Charge of Affairs, Herr Carl von Holten, handed the proposal to the Danish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. H. C. Hansen, it was announced here.

Since 1920, when a plebiscite resulted in northern Schleswig being incorporated in Denmark and the southern part remaining in Germany, the minorities have been an issue between the two countries.

There are about 100,000 of Danish descent in the German province of Schleswig-Holstein. The German minority in Denmark numbers about 10,000. — Reuter.

PREMIERS REVIEW MIDDLE EAST DEFENCE PLANS

London, Feb. 2.

Commonwealth Prime Ministers and their military advisers today reviewed the new Middle East defence situation following Britain's impending withdrawal from Egypt.

All the Commonwealth statesmen attended except Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru of India and Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon.

Mr. Harold MacMillan, the British Defence Minister, outlined Britain's plan for re-deploying her 70,000 troops in the Middle East—all of whom are due to leave the Suez Canal by next year.

CYPRUS HEADQUARTERS

The Mediterranean island of Cyprus is rapidly becoming the headquarters of Britain's Middle East military organisation.

Conference sources said the review by the statesmen of Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland—was in "general terms."

After Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. MacMillan had spoken on the defence problems of the area, each of the three British Service Chiefs-of-Staff gave an appreciation of the Navy, Army and Air Force strategy.

Mr. R. G. Menzies of Australia, Mr. Sidney Holland of New Zealand, and Mr. Charles Swart, Deputy Prime Minister of South Africa, stressed the concern of their respective countries in Middle East defence. — Reuter.

Photo.

Divorce Ruling In Rhodesia

Lusaka, N.

Rhodesia, Feb. 2. Devotion, cruelty and insanity are no longer grounds for divorce in Northern Rhodesia, and even adultery by a husband may not be a High Court Judge ruled today.

Mr. Justice Somerhaugh, who as Crown Counsel in Kenya prosecuted Mau Mau leader Jomo Kenyatta, ruled that the Northern Rhodesia legislature had failed to apply the divorce laws of England in recent years.

He asked Attorney-General Mr. Edgar Ensworth to appear in Court next Monday to argue whether the English 1923 Matrimonial Causes Act, which for the first time allowed a wife to divorce her husband on grounds of adultery alone, had ever been repealed in Northern Rhodesia.

If the Act was repealed, the English Act of 1857 is in force here, it was believed. The earlier law required a wife to prove both adultery and cruelty by her husband in order to get a divorce.

Mr. Justice Somerhaugh would not comment on whether past decrees granted on other grounds were valid or whether children of second marriages were legitimate. — United Press.

Photo.

CARRIBEAN FEDERATION UNDER WAY

London, Feb. 2.

The House of Commons today cheered the Government's latest information on the plan for a British Caribbean federation, which has now been adopted by the legislatures of all the islands concerned.

Expressing their happiness at the general agreement reached by Barbados, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Windward Islands, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, said the plan would be laid before a final West Indian conference to which the island Governments would be asked to send plenipotentiary delegates.

FINAL PLAN

When a final plan had been agreed by the conference, Parliament would then be asked to pass the necessary United Kingdom legislation. Members—Conservative, Socialist and Liberal—cheered when the Minister referred to "this significant step." And the fact that "we may now look forward to the establishment of a British Caribbean Federation" would, he said, "provide a new and important link between the two main land territories—Britain and the Caribbean." — United Press.

Serge Rubinstein Leaves Money To Two Women

New York, Feb. 2.

Serge Rubinstein, murdered millionaire, left \$10,000 each to two women friends in addition to providing for a secretary, his mother and two children, his will disclosed today.

The woman friends were listed as Miss Mary Fayet of Paris, and Miss Betty Root of Manhattan, a frequent companion of Rubinstein at New York's night clubs. He left \$5,000 to Miss Billie Kane, his secretary.

The international financier, strangled in his Fifth Avenue mansion, last Thursday provided his daughter, Diana, 8, and Alexander, 7, his stipulated that they were not to receive the principal of his estate until they are 30 years old.

For his mother, Mrs. Stella Rubinstein, 78, he provided \$10,000 a month until her death. The will was filed last night in the New York probate court.

Gangsters Stand Over Gamblers

Johannesburg, Feb. 2.

Gangsters determined to make money out of Johannesburg's profitable gambling racket, have divided the city into "time areas" and those keepers of gambling houses who threaten to close their doors will be smashed up.

Nowcomers who try to take part in the gambling house racket are also threatened.

The police are unable to take action against these gambling houses under the present laws. The keepers avoid police action by apparently preventing public access to their houses.

A Johannesburg couple who sent out invitations to friends were telephoned by members of the gang and told to stop playing, otherwise the premises would be smashed up. — China Mail Special.

First French Vertical Take-Off Aircraft

Paris, Feb. 2.

The first vertical take-off by a French jet plane took place in a secret spot last March, France's nationalised firm for the study and construction of Aeroplanes Matons (SNECMA) said in a communiqué today.

The firm, which reportedly has been secretly experimenting with a vertical take-off and landing problems for two years, said the take-off was made by a remote-controlled model of its "colaputer," a plane which has a mid-section and is powered by a high-thrust pulse-reactor.

The communiqué said several demonstrations of the revolutionary "colaputer" have since been given, including one last July, before the then Secretary of State for Air, Mr. Philippe Catroux. — France-Press.

Photo.

DON IDDON continues along the Sunshine Trail with today's DIARY from gold-plated PALM BEACH

Hot Dogs Move In On The Minky Way

THE palmy days are coming back to Palm Beach. There is new glitter along the famous Gold Coast, and Worth Avenue is again a mile of mink.

I am glad to be here for professional reasons, though, of course, I don't object to a season in the sun under the palms and by blue water.

American newspaper owners, editors, and columnists say that the two words "Palm Beach" pack more reader-appeal at the top of a news dispatch, article, or a column than any other "date-line" in the U.S. — even more than Hollywood.

The reason for this is that Palm Beach is the hunting ground and play-

land of millionaires, many of whom make fools of themselves chasing other people's wives (or husbands) and getting into elaborate trouble, which is ideal for the front pages.

But strange things are happening to Palm Beach — the trippers and tourists are trying to move in. I arrived on a brilliant Sunday afternoon and the front was packed with motorists and blocked solid with motels from plebeian West Palm Beach. Worth is just a few miles away, and was originally constructed "for the help," but now is 12 times the size of the swank resort.

The famous island of privilege is being invaded by the mob. I saw people wandering around eating hot dogs and drinking Coca-Cola out of the bottle between gazes at the famous mansions. The old guard would have turned purple at this proletarian impertinence.

Class sense

THE motels (I am sorry to keep writing about them, but they cannot be ignored) are also spreading in the Palm Beach area, although they are not allowed to be built near the dazzling mansions, known locally among the snob set, in a masterpiece of understatement, as "cottages."

Trailers and caravans, which horrify the Palm Beach residents, are kept a strict 15 miles away. This little spoiled world is full of most people. But I have had no trouble because I have an English accent and a column, and the Palm Beach types love publicity.

Ruby Edna Pierce, who has been for 45 years editor of the glossy-paper Palm Beach Daily News, has a strong sense of class distinction.

She proclaims: "Palm Beach isn't what it was ten years ago, and ten years ago it wasn't what it was ten years before that. I am featuring people in my paper today who wouldn't have been mentioned in my guest list 15 years ago."

There is a joke here of a typical Palm Beacher who, when asked who the nice people are, replies: "Why, haven't you heard? There aren't any any more."

Palmy days

SEVERAL people have said to me "Palm Beach is getting to be like Miami." This is not true. I spent three days here and toured the palm-lined avenues thoroughly, attending five cocktail parties, three lunches, and two dinners, and about the only thing Palm Beach and Miami have in common is that they are both in Florida.

Miami is very much a part of the United States, but Palm Beach still rates the description of "a place near the United States."

There are no billboards, no neon signs in the streets in the residential section, no hooker-carnival atmosphere. Even "For Sale" boards are not permitted to appear.

Palm Beach is so grand, or tries to be, that it wants to leave the impression that no one ever sells or wants to go away.

Facing the ocean are a long line of castles, and I estimate that at least one-third of them are shuttered and probably will never be lived in again.

When I was here five years ago about two-thirds of the great houses were closed. But the stock market has gone up a great deal since then and dozens of the mansions are now being lived in again. That is why I say that the palmy days are coming back to Palm Beach.

Hard struggle

PALM Beach is struggling very hard to be Society capitals, although Newport and Bar Harbor regard it as a belated rival, mainly to the upstart new rich.

There is an old Palm Beach poem which goes: People whose parents came over in storage. Here entertain only the peerage.

There is a lot of truth in this. Many of the famous names made their money out of trade, or their fathers did, and they are so ashamed of it they bob and curtsy to any Balkan prince or even count.

At the moment Palm Beach is breathlessly awaiting the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who every season are far and away the biggest names to visit the resort and two of the most charming and intelligent people to honour this strange, title-conscious, dollar-heavy little town with their presence.

The host of the Duke and Duchess is always the railway man Robert R. Young, who began as a clerk and amassed a huge fortune. It was Mr. Young who recently got control of the New York Central railway system and is planning a skyscraper taller than the Empire State Building, which is merely 102 stories, over New York station.

Despite the splendid but very exclusive beach clubs, fishing and the yachting from nearby Fort Lauderdale, I eat Palm Beach as having more appeal for women than for men.

I talked about Lincoln Road, in Miami the other day, but it is a street of five- and ten-cent stores compared with Worth Avenue, which is a superb procession of luxury shops, all in perfect taste, some with arcades, patios, and fountains.

Strange sight

LAST night, when I was lingering in Worth Avenue looking at a \$100,000 necklace in Cartiers, an enormous white Rolls-Royce drove up. An immaculate man in tails, obviously the model for the old De Reszke cigarettes, stepped out, followed by two Great Danes. He strolled elegantly up and down the avenue for about five minutes, followed by the dogs, then drove off while other people gaped.

It was a bit too much. I looked for Michael Arlen to appear any minute. But about Worth Avenue. It has tiny, opulent branches of New York's greatest and most expensive stores. It has the Fa-Bao and the Alibi, which are plush drinking spots. It has superb restaurants. It is better than Bond Street and it is under the velvet sides and the palms.

Not to get too lyrical, however, there is the danger that you might get your head mashed in by a falling coconut. I have great affection for Palm Beach and for Worth Avenue, though the snobbery sometimes can be tedious. There is one harsh shortcoming, which I should report if this Palm Beach story is to be in any way complete.

The serpents

THERE is considerable anti-Semitism here at the more exclusive hotels, whose owners fear that Palm Beach might become like Miami, whose visitors are 90 percent Jewish.

Coloureds, of course, haven't a hope in Palm Beach except as servants. It is unfortunate that such a beautiful, sun-drenched, semi-tropical garden should be marred by these serpents. Palm Beach is lovely, but no one can call it liberal.



POLICEMAN OF THE PACIFIC

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WELL, CHASE ME AROUND THE BELFRY WITH A BAT

IT had been around 35 years since I read Bram Stoker's "Dracula," and because this seemed about the most likely offering on the bookstall at Entebbe Airport I blew a couple of shillings on it and settled down in my corner of the Skymaster to see how cold my blood might be induced to run.

Let me hasten to report that the classic of 1897, whose sales long ago soared past the million mark, stands up rather stoutly, although not perhaps in quite the way that Stoker intended. For I was soon rolling around helplessly against my seat-belt, with my fellow-passengers inspecting me furtively out of the edges of their eyes; yet the powerful emotion which held me in thrall was not horror.

You recall the plot? Young English solicitor goes out to a remote castle somewhere at the back of Transylvania. Its owner, Count Dracula, puzzles the visitor by crawling about on the castle walls head downwards. And he has but to lift a finger for every wolf this side of Siberia to start howling.

Our hero, Jonathan Harker, begins to wish seriously that he had stuck to the toris and ad-vocates back in E.C.2, when three weird sisters, very beautiful but somehow unhealthy-looking, materialise while he is having a nap one afternoon.

"All three had brilliant white teeth that shone like pearls against the ruby of their voluptuous lips. There was something about them that made me uneasy, some longing and at the same time some deadly fear. I felt in my heart a wicked, burning desire that they would kiss me with those lips. It is not good to note this down, lest some day it should meet Mina's eyes" (that's his fiancée back in the U.K.) "and cause her pain; but it is the truth."

The weird trio have laughs "like the intolerable, tingling sweetness of water-glasses when played by a cunning hand." And then: "The fair girl went on her knees and bent over me, fairly glowing. There was a deliberate voluptuousness and as she arched her neck she was actually licking her lips like an animal."

Enter the count: "Never did I imagine such wrath and fury, even in the demons of the pit. His eyes were positively blazing. The red light in them was lurid, as if the flames of hell-fire blazed behind them. With a fierce sweep of the arm

he hurled the woman from him, and then motioned to the others, as though he were beating them back. It was the same imperious gesture that I had seen used to the wolves."

Turns out that the count's intervention is not at all philanthropic — he regards young Mr Harker as strictly his own puffer of appeasement. For the count and the weird sisters are all of them vampires from way back (at least 300 years), and once they get going on conveyance Harker he's going to look mighty anemic when he gets back to those briefs.

Harker finally springs himself from the old chateau and has a jumbo nervous breakdown in a handy convent.

But the count, who has been residing in various parts of Britain through third parties, sells from Varna for Whitby. He travels strictly incognito in a big box of earth, emerging after dusk to tantalise the crew.

Indeed so dubiously do they react to his malignant pranks that all go mad and jump overboard one after the other. The vessel finally careens into Whitby harbour in the midst of a tempest with the captain dead at the wheel. Only a huge black dog (guess who) is left to leap ashore and make off.

Coincidence. Staying in Whitby are Mina (Harker's fiancée) and Lucy, a lovely girl, engaged to the Hon. Arthur Holmwood.

Also deeply enamoured of Lucy is Dr Seward, who runs a lunatic asylum in Surrey.

A clear-cut chap, this Seward, suffering from insomnia, he confides to his diary: "If I don't sleep tonight at once, then I shall take none tonight. I have thought of Lucy, and I shall not dishonour her by mixing the two!"

Well, folks, the count, wearing the guise now of a dog, now a wolf, and now of a window-smashing bat, wreaks his terrible will on poor Lucy, and she presently expires. But meanwhile a powerful ally for the forces of law, order and fairplay has entered the lists—Herr Doktor Van Helsing of Amsterdam, Europe's foremost authority on vampires.

Van H. knows a trick or two, and high in his anti-vamp armoury stands garlic. Indeed the good doctor uses far more of the stuff than Philip Harben. His first efforts, alas, fall through no fault of his. Lucy's silly old ma goes pottering into her daughter's bedroom, sees her asleep with a great garland of protective garlic, fendering her neck, leaves it away—and bingo, the hovering count



RENE MacCOLL flies with Dracula

London promptly bats his way to work again.

Now here's a disquieting development. Vamp victims like poor Lucy find that the pastime is distinctly habit-forming, and so now Lucy takes to emerging from her Hampstead tomb and helping herself to toothsome bits at innocent play.

A posse of anti-vamp vigilantes is formed under the able leadership of Van Helsing. It includes Harker—back from foreign parts by now, older looking, much quieter and considerably wiser—Doc Seward of the lunatic asylum, the Hon. Arthur Holmwood, he who loved Lucy, and a young American big game hunter named Quincy Morris.

The ring is fast closing on the count now—but, heavens, what is this? Mina, of all people (she has become Mrs Harker),

is beginning to display all the classic signs of undue Draculinity. That bat again!

A stern decision is taken—it ever starts to look as if Mina is developing hopelessly anti-social tastes, then all hands swear that they will personally do her in.

The hunt is on. The count, back snug in his box of earth, gives the posse the slip and sails for the Black Sea. Off they go in pursuit—Mina too—but the count again eludes the chase in distant Varna, and in his box is borne rapidly towards his castle sanctuary by a troupe of Slovak gipsies. If he can make it before sunset—for he is the Vampire On Which The Sun Must Always Set—the pursuit has practically had it.

At the very threshold of the sinister valley which spells home to the vampire, while long shadows spread across the snow, the posse halts the cart.

A fight follows.

And that was that. Dracula crumbles before their eyes. The gipsies scream. But poor Morris has been fatally wounded.

In a footnote appended by Harker seven years later it turns out that "it is an added joy to Mina and me that our boy's birthday is on the same day as that on which Quincy Morris died. Our boy's bundle of names links all our little band together—but we call him Quincy."

Wonder if little Quincy cared for garlic in his salad?

BARGAINS FOR THE SELECT

By SYDNEY SMITH

JUST missed a bargain at the January fur sales, madam? Kicking yourself about that car you were just pipped for at the auction, sir?

Well, let me tell you about the bargains I miss all the year round here at the most exclusive bargain basements in the world.

The bargains—from duty free cast-off Cadillacs to perfect but unwanted minks—are sold in the "White Market" of diplomatic Paris.

The "White Market's" three branches are the Chailot Palace, home of NATO; the old Rothschild mansion, the Chateau de la Muette, headquarters of OEEC; and the luxury Hotel Majestic, one German headquarters and now the central office of UNESCO.

In the basements and cellars of these aloof buildings the staff advertise their wares on the notice boards. And the rub is this: to get in you must be either a diplomat or a privileged free international civil servant.

It's damask

BUT suppose you and I are Privileged Free International Civil Servants: what are they offering us?

Let's go first to UNESCO—down in the basement just opposite the staff grocery where the 808 international civil servants buy their privileged whisky and gin at less than half price.

Now, here's a delightful item—"Very damask" The owner, with sweet, undiplomatic naïveté, adds: "Brought back from Syria absolutely now."

Next we have a hand-embroidered Bulgarian blouse—only £4 10s.

Care? Take your pick—French, English, American, Italian, or German. The international civil servants have the right to tourist registration, which saves tax and duty.

Cameras? Only half shop prices.

Among other UNESCO offers are: A German-made gas cooker, an American electric cooker, some typewriters, and—oh, yes—a pram.

It's satin

DOWN at NATO there is a dining suite—"suitable for chateau or large property."

Up at OEEC—where the staff canteen whisky is cheaper than at the UNESCO branch of the White Market, and English and American cigarettes are only 1s. 4d. for 20—the range is more limited.

But there is a "satin-covered suite," at only £20.

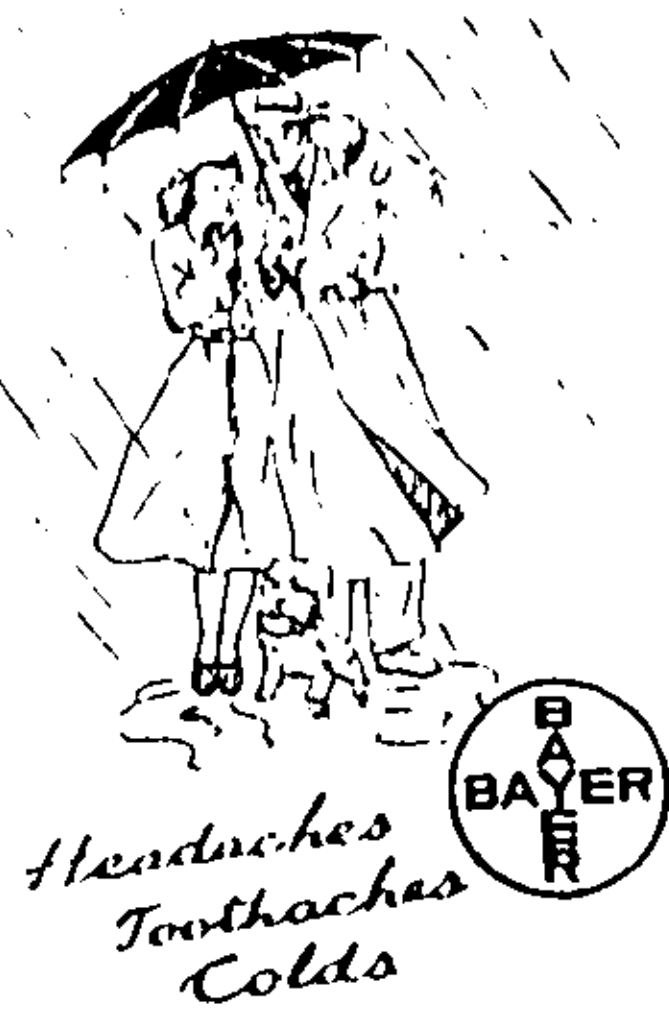
Mind you, I am quoting sterling prices. But U.S. dollars are preferred—often essential.

So there you are. Walk right up and buy.

Oh! but I forgot. We aren't diplomats.

But let's try not to be too undiplomatic about it, shall we?

GLOSSARY for non-diplomat shoppers: NATO—North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; OEEC—Organisation for European Economic Co-operation; UNESCO—United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.



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CAPASPIN



Harry Odell says

Don't forget WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, at the EMPIRE THEATRE. In association with the British Council I will present two of the world's greatest artists—DAME SYBIL THORNDIKE and SIR LEWIS CASSON—in a recital of Shakespeare and poetry. Please reserve your seats at

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WHITHER PODPOM?

By GERALD CUMMING

THE United Nations Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities almost certainly has a more official abbreviation, but Podpom will do.

Podpom have been holding their seventh session at Headquarters in New York, and the chaps were speaking of this and that, and making fruitful suggestions, like for an investigation on a global scale into the question of how many club-footed albinos have been prevented on the grounds of colour from making a full-time career in the ballet, when Mr Max Sorensen, the chairman, fell a provocative remark.

BOYS AND GIRLS

Personally, said Mr Sorensen, who comes from Denmark, he was against separate schools for boys and girls, but if such a system offered the same studiously suggesting that one

opportunities, he did not think it was discriminatory.

Mr Emelyanov of Russia thought likewise. As long as the curriculum was the same, Podpom should not be concerned or feel their principles threatened by the widespread phenomenon of boys going to boys' schools and girls to girls' schools.

Judge Helpman of the United States was, however, more than surprised. It was only, he said, because boys and girls had been going to different schools for so long that it had come to be regarded as permissible "even by so enlightened persons as our chairman." The recent ruling of the Supreme Court that segregation in schools was unconstitutional applied not only to race, but to sex. This broke new ground. In fact, it opened a door on a new concept of psychological equality. And he hoped Mr Sorensen would soon see the light.

After this the debate seems to have grown very warm, and was against separate schools for boys and girls, but if such a system offered the same studiously suggesting that one

might first have to answer the question whether such segregation constituted discrimination against the boys or discrimination against the girls.

From this it is but a short step from having to define just what one means, in the context of the controversy, by the concept "boy" as distinct from the concept "girl." Clearly this affair has taken a fundamental turn, and the upshot will not be known for some time.

MORE SUBJECTS

Meanwhile, Podpom might like some more subjects. Is it not intolerable discrimination that some people offend at "over others in buses"? Is it not oppressive of a minority that there should be 40 pages of Smith in the directory, and only a single pair of Zynikas, and ought not the Zynikas to have Podpom's official expression of sympathy for the psychological trauma that must ensue? Why should the Eskimo freeze while the Zulu bake, and is it enough that what with birth, life and death, they have roughly the same curriculum? Talk on, gentlemen. We are dying to know the answers.

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

By JAMES CONNOLLY and SAM LEITCH

The Third Division club's demand for financial assistance is no money-grabbing scheme. It is forced on them by the worst-ever crisis in English soccer.

"Let's face it," says Reading Chairman Jimmy Carter. "We are up against entertainment competition from TV, the cinema and the theatre."

"We must offer greater comfort to our fans. There must be better grounds, more cover, and better stands. If we are to compete with these other attractions for the customers."

"That is why I suggested that any money we might get should be spent on ground improvements."

How right he is. Oldham, Crystal Palace and Shrewsbury are losing about £200 a week.

Crews, Chester and Aldershot warn their fans that they are in danger of losing their football if support doesn't improve.

Transfer supporters plan a £20,000 "save our club" scheme and Southampton recently offered to sell any player they had to relieve the position.

Crystal Palace director says he fears the club going and they

will see that it doesn't go down. Manager Cyril Spiller cuts costs at Selhurst by transferring eight of his 44 professionals.

There is no prospect of Palace folding up, but the Spiller plan will take time. Hence the economies.

LAST WEEK EACH OF THE eight Aldershot directors chipped in his share to make sure that the players got their wages. Gates averaging only 5,000 for the past three home games are a matter of grave concern.

Said Chairman Tom Day: "The directors have made loans to the club to keep it going."

"A limit has now been reached. Unless the necessary financial support is forthcoming."

FA CUP REPLAYS

Sunderland Put Out Preston

London, Feb. 2. One of three Football Association Cup Fourth Round replays today was left undecided even though extra time was played and Aston Villa and Doncaster Rovers must meet again to decide who shall visit Birmingham in the next round.

Nottingham Forest and Hartlepool's United also played extra time but the additional half-hour got Nottingham through to entertain Newcastle in the next round.

Philippines Easily Beat Sweden

Manila, Feb. 2. The Philippines last night annexed the invitational tennis tie with Sweden when Felicissimo Ampon and Raymond Deyro won a five-set doubles victory over Lennart Bergelin and Sven Davidson. The score was 2-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 and 6-3.

Last Monday Ampon and Deyro respectively beat Bergelin and Davidson in singles.

Today, the last singles matches between Deyro and Bergelin and Ampon and Davidson will be multi-climatic, since the Philippines with a 2-0 score, has already won the tie.

Four Hongkong tennis stars, Mr and Mrs Ip Koon-hung, Edwin Tsai and V. T. Wang are due here tomorrow to take part in the national open tennis championships.

Other foreign entries are Bergelin and Sven Davidson and England's Roger Becker and John Barrett.

Tomorrow 32 singles are scheduled. The doubles will be held on Friday. The ladies' singles, in which Mrs Ip is the only foreign entry, open on Monday.—France-Press.

KEENAN WANTS TO FIGHT IN SINGAPORE

London, Feb. 2. Peter Keenan, 25-year-old British heavyweight champion, would like to fight in Singapore and Bangkok in the spring.

The Scottish fighter fights Frenchman Daniel Bini in Glasgow on Feb. 22 and four days later flies to Australia for three fights.

The first one will be against Bobby Sims, Australian heavyweight champion, and will be fought for the vacant Empire title.

Keenan has twice held the British title. He first won it in 1951 and later in the same year also took the European Championship. —France-Press.

PROMISE IS REMEMBERED

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Feb. 2.

In 1951, when 17-year-old Desmond Schonegevel, of Bloemfontein, won a free trip to the Oval cricket ground to see the 11th Test between South Africa and England, the sponsors promised to give him a cricket outfit if he ever gained his provincial cap.

Recently Desmond made his debut for Orange Free State in their Currie Cup game against Transvaal.

The promise is remembered, and Desmond will receive his outfit. —China Mail Special.

from the public, there is a serious risk of Aldershot losing League football."

Grimsby, the club which has Football League President Arthur Drewry on its board, also feels the draught.

Their staff will have to be cut by the end of the season so manager Billy Walsh has told certain players that they will be getting free transfers.

Colchester may be offering their manager to Charlton's Henry Fenton, brother of Ted Fenton (West Ham), the man who took Colchester into the Football League.

Colchester fancy a player-manager. Charlton don't want to lose Fenton, but they wouldn't hold him or demand a fat fee if the offer comes.

ONCE WAS ENOUGH

Young Bobby Ayre rockets into the £20,000 class on his centre-forward show against Young Italy. And he cost Charlton nothing.

In the 145 Bobby played on the right wing for Chippinham United, Jimmy Seed saw him once. That was enough for him to make a promise.

Bobby took the Charlton boss at his word. On his way home after demob he called in at the Valley and signed for Charlton.

If Crystal Palace pay cash for West Ham's left back, Harry Kinsell, then the Hammers will buy forward Billy Dore from Brentford.

It was the outcome last week of a West Ham meeting to discuss the transfer-listed Dore whom they want very much.

Palace would like to make a player-exchange deal over Kinsell.

Centre forward interest by West Ham... their Scottish scout watched Alton leader George Miller last Saturday.

Miller flew to Ireland on Saturday to watch Coleraine's Fay Coyne, nothing doing with Preston's Dennis Hattell (at least until Preston are out of the Cup).

Armed have joined the queue of First Division clubs eager to sign Brian Orrill, 18-year-old inside forward of Bangor City.

DISAPPOINTED FACES

Ambitious Queen's Park Rangers think they have hooked a top Scottish teenage ace—18-year-old Hugh Mills, outside right of Wishaw Juniors, and 17-year-old Willie Moles, right back of Westrigg Bluebell.

Moles has written and promised his signing for QPR—which means some disappointed faces at Arsenal, Newcastle, and Aston Villa.

This week marks the end of the Allchurch story... the soccer man-hunt for Ivor, the Welsh wizard, officially closes with the news that he will open a sports outfitters business near Swansea Station.

This kills once and for all the hopes of nearly every major club in the land.

Said a Swansea director: "Those last few weeks have been quiet. No more managers or scouts here for Ivor. At one time we had them every home match and the club phone never stopped ringing."

—(London Express Service).

Finney To Coach In Rhodesia

Tom Finney, Preston and England winger, will spend part of the close season coaching in Rhodesia. He has accepted an invitation for a six-week coaching tour in that country and will stay a few days at each centre. He arrives in Rhodesia with his family on June 20.—(London Express Service).

TURPIN WANTS THEM BIGGER

Handolph Turpin, British Empire lightweight champion and former world middleweight title-holder, wants more and bigger sparring partners. He is training in North Wales for his fight with Ray Schmitt (Lansdowne) in Birmingham on February 19.—(London Express Service).

"THE" JOCKEY CLUB

ONE MEMBER'S POMPOSITY CAN OFTEN BE MISINTERPRETED

By ROGER MORTIMER

London.

In this country, the concept of government by the aristocracy received a mortal blow when the scandals and ineptitudes of the Crimean War became generally known.

Nevertheless, one hundred years later, halfway through the so-called century of the common man, the Jockey Club, a bastion of the old regime, has held and even strengthened its position.

The Club does not always get a good Press, or even, for that matter, a fair one. It would no doubt go against the democratic grain to pay tribute to an autocratic and self-elected assembly.

Those who know racing best, however, acknowledge that by and large the Jockey Club has served racing well.

It has made mistakes, indeed, been slow to act, is ultra-conservative and at times out of touch with the requirements and feelings of the average racegoers.

Sometimes the pomposity of a single member has been erroneously taken as a mark of the Club as a whole.

Its integrity, however, is unquestioned. There has been no scandal recently comparable to the day when a steward of the Club, due to be senior steward the following year, was declared "a defaulter" and fled the country.

The Club's sense of responsibility towards the Turf is recognised, too, and credit must be given to the tactful way in which it steered racing through two wars.

The question that now must be faced is whether the Jockey Club, composed as it is, can continue for very much longer.

Few able young men of the class from which the Jockey Club is largely composed can afford to own horses up to a racing regularly. For better or for worse, the type of owner is changing.

At present they are employed only in an advisory capacity to the stewards of the meeting, and on certain courses such advice as they offer does not fall on very receptive ears.

It would add to the efficiency with which many meetings are conducted if the stewards' secretary were granted full executive powers.

In fact, as the stewards' secretary is usually the most efficient and knowledgeable man present, he could sit as senior steward at every meeting at which he officiated, with the local stewards appointed by that course sitting with him and acting under his guidance.

The term "stewards' secretary" would, presumably, be abolished and "steward" used instead. The fact that stewards' secretaries are invariably referred to in racecourse jargon as "stipes" suggests that the racing public fail to appreciate just how limited are their present powers.

ONE FINAL POINT

One final point. The stewards' secretary, whose job is advisory, is not permitted to bet; whereas, contrary to wide belief, there is no rule to prevent a steward, who possesses executive power, from betting as much as he likes.

This is an absurd situation. There is no single good reason why stewards should bet at meetings where they officiate.

Today

Macpherson v Coffey; Sullivan v Hubble.

Tomorrow

Fabian v Peters; Pritchard v Jenkins.

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP

Only the finals of the Army Squash championship will be played at the Victoria Courts, the preliminary rounds being played elsewhere in the Colony.

The first round games will be played by Feb. 8; the second round by Feb. 12; the third round by Feb. 15; fourth round by Feb. 18 and the final on Feb. 22.

The first round draw is as follows: Lt/Col Sullivan v Lt Smith; 2/Lt. Lysons v Capt Carter; Major Howard-Dobson v Major Dye; 2/Lt Bechford v Capt Hurn; Gunner Merison v 2/Lt Russell; Capt. Weeks v Major Meares.

Rocky's Gloves On Tour

Rocky Marciano's boxing gloves are on an ice-hockey tour of Europe. Not for publicity, or as a bait for an ever-watchful Don Cockell.

They are with Al Younkiewicz, a friend of Marciano's since boyhood. He hopes the gloves worn by Rocky when he beat Jersey Joe Walcott to become the World Heavyweight Champion in 1952, will serve as a lucky charm for his team in the world series in Germany. —(London Express Service).



The Belt Brings Trouble Again

By SYDNEY HULLS

Jack Smith, 6 ft. 13 in., Worcester City police constable, pounds his lonely bent and pays special attention to the security of a certain bank.

In its vaults lies his Lonsdale Belt, and Smith is only really happy when it's safely under lock and key.

What a stormy history has that belt. What trouble it seems to stir up! Smith won the golden girdle way back in 1937 when he was 18.

INTER-HONG CRICKET

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the annual Hong Kong Inter-Hong Cricket match against the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground at 11.30 a.m.

I. G. Brockman, R. W. Campbell, P. S. Crossley, P. M. De Brunner, P. F. Hutton, S. F. T. B. Lever, J. R. M. Lewis, R. E. H. Nelson, M. J. Pridham, B. C. Rogers, M. G. Stone.

12th man: W. A. H. Balfour. Umpire: F. Marshall.

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground at 11.30 a.m.

P. G. Williams (captain), E. K. Abbas, J. Chubb, P. C. Devoson, B. S. Dodwell, G. Holdsworth, J. A. King, E. Lee, R. McAdam, J. R. McAusland, A. P. Pethica.

Reserve & Scorer: D. J. Little. Umpire: D. W. Leach.

ARMY HOCKEY SELECTIONS

The following players are selected to represent the Army teams in the HKHA Civilian League this Sunday:

Army 'A' v Reserve 'B' at Soekun-poo-bully off 2.30.—Sgt. W. W. Taylor, Sgt. Roberts, WO1 Bowell, WO2 Peters (captain), Sgt. Martin, Sgt. Fidler, Lt. Hargreaves, Sgt. Smith and 2/Lt. Scowen.

Reserve 'A' v Reserve 'B' at Soekun-poo-bully off 4 p.m.—Lt. Parsons, WO1 Martin, Sgt. Smith, WO1 Richardson, Col. East, Cdr. Barclay, Cdr. Cox, Rdm. Surridge and Rdm. Warden. Reserve 'B' v Reserve 'C' at King's Park, bully off 3.30 p.m.—WO1 Martin, WO1 Parsons, Major Brice (captain), Col. Kerr, Major Dewar, Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Murray, Lt. Wylie, Sgt. Field, Cpl. Layton and Rdm. Warden.

Army 'C' v RN 'B' at King's Park, bully off 3.30 p.m.—WO1 Martin, WO1 Parsons, Major Brice (captain), Col. Kerr, Major Dewar, Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Murray, Lt. Wylie, Sgt. Field, Cpl. Layton and Rdm. Warden.

Valentine and 2/Lt. Neville.

WATUSI FOR MELBOURNE?

Dr. Richard Reusch, an American missionary, has promised to send a man from Rundu-Urundi, Central Africa, to set up a new Olympic High Jump record in Melbourne next year.

Official world high jump record is 6ft. 11 1/2 in. Dr. Reusch claims he has seen Watusi tribesmen clearing a cord held at 7ft. 6 in., and from a run up that was absolutely flat.

The only difficulty is that the tribesmen dislike leaving their jungle homes.—(London Express Service).

Yorkshire

G. Mitchell, Mrs. Duke, E. Lonsdale, H. Riddell (skip), D. W. Leach, Mrs. Riddell, G. Storer, M. N. Rakusen (skip), M. H. Duke, F. F. Whitely, E. Caldwell, E. Ballyn, E. A. R. Brown, N. Sykes, E. Wolstenholme, J. G. Meyer (skip).

Lancashire

V. H. Summers, Mrs. Greenwood, J. Look, F. Howarth (skip), R. M. Hetherington, Mrs. P. Lowe, J. B. Dewhurst, T. Pilkington (skip), A. Tarbuck, Mrs. O'Brien, P. Lloyd, P. Lowe (skip), T. Mercer, Mrs. Howarth, D. O'Brien, E. Greenwood (skip).

BATTLE OF THE ROSES

There will be a lawn bowls match between the Yorkshire Society and the newly-formed Lancastrian Society at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday, commencing at 3 p.m.

Tea will be served at 4.30 and members of both societies, whether playing or not will be most welcome.

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Malayan-Singapore Rugger Team Playing Hongkong This Evening

By "PAK LO"

A large crowd of spectators is expected at the Club ground at Happy Valley this evening when the visiting Malayan-Singapore XV will be seen in action for the first time against a carefully selected Colony XV.

The game will commence at 8.00 p.m. and will therefore take place under the Club's new floodlighting system.



— would someone be so kind as to shut the window? —

Schools' Shuttle Championships Start On Monday

Commencing Monday, the Colony Schools' and Schools' Girls' Championships, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Schools Sports Association will be played.

Nine titles in all will be at stake, and entries for these have been sufficiently heavy to make it necessary to arrange games on four days next week for the preliminary round play.

A breakdown of competitors show the following number of entries for the various titles:

Schoolboys Open Singles (27),

Intermediate Singles (6), Ju-

nior Singles (11), Open Doubles

(16 pairs), Intermediate Doubles

(4 pairs), Junior Doubles (6

pairs).

Schoolgirls: Singles (11),

Doubles (7 pairs).

Students: Open Mixed Doubles

(7 pairs).

The following are the pairings

for next week's matches together

with venue date and time:

FIRST ROUND FIXTURES

Monday, February 7, at Grantham

Training College at 6.00 p.m.

Open Singles

Loh Chung-hing (Q.C.) v Wong

Hin-oh (Q.C.), Robert Yung (S.C.)

v Chan Yuen Yung (S.C.), Sui

Chuen (Q.C.) v Man Kwok-wai

(D.B.S.).

Junior Singles

Sun Ding-yung (S.C.) v Chung

Dai-chen (S.C.), Wong Kai-tung

(S.P. Co-ed.) v Wong Man-lin (S.C.)

(S.P. Co-ed.), Wong Yung-tung

(W.Y.H.K.) v Chiu Chiu-choi (W.Y.H.K.)

Wednesday, February 9, at

Queen's College at 6.00 p.m.

Open Singles

Tung Tak-kin (Q.C.) v George Ma

Yung (Q.C.), Wong Kai-tung

(S.P. Co-ed.) v Wong Man-lin (S.C.)

(S.P. Co-ed.), Wong Yung-tung

(W.Y.H.K.) v Chiu Chiu-choi (W.Y.H.K.)

This should be a game well worth attending, and the advance reports of this Malayan-Singapore XV promise an exciting and close game. It was hoped to publish a short resume on the players for this evening, but for various reasons information on the visiting side is extremely scanty, to say the least.

The only reports to date are rather generalised, but for what they are worth here they are.

The three-quarter line is said to be exceedingly fast, with an excellent pair of halves in front of them. The pack is fairly heavy with at least two good line-out forwards, and the wing forwards are said to be really terrific.

Certainly this all sounds very good, and it is to be hoped that they now live up to their reputation.

However, it is to be found the state of the ground, rather a setback, as the visitors are in a much more difficult position than they are.

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MARSH PLAYING

The Colony team shows one change from that originally published. Hewitt is temporarily absent from the Colony, so his place will be taken by Marsh, the Police Centre three-quarter.

Compared to the original line-up the three line is now somewhat weaker, but it is still good enough to give the visitors quite a few nasty shocks.

In Logan the Colony has a full back who is capable of taking care of practically any attack the visitors care to mount, as long as he does not take things too easily, a habit he has been developing of late.

Brentford and Parkinson are

the Colony halves, an almost

automatic selection as this pair

combine beautifully together and

stand head and shoulders above

all the other halves in the

Colony.

With their ability to make

openings they should give the

Malayan-Singapore team no end

of trouble.

The Colony pack has plenty

of weight, three good line-out

forwards in Ferry, Griffiths, and

Talamo, and two hard-tackling,

fast breaking forwards in

Petrie and Hill.

The former has also shown

wonderful place kicking form

of late, and will be a handy

man to take the place kicks.

Stewart, the hooker, as in a

class of his own and should give

his back plenty of opportunities

to show their skill.

On either side of him are the

two New Zealanders, Hata, and

Newman, easily distinguishable

by their beards.

These two have a style of their

own in the loose which has to be

seen to be believed. Definitely

this will be a game worthy of

watching.

ONE MORE

Tomorrow there will be another Malayan-Singapore game. This time against the Combined Services. There have been a lot of changes in the Combined Services, but for information on that, and for a report on tonight's game, and much more news about the Malayan-Singapore fifteen read tomorrow's China Mail.

In the Land Forces Inter-Unit Knockout Competition one of the semi-finals has been played off. 72nd LAA comfortably overcame 42nd Field Regt by 17 points to 3 points at the Police Recreation ground on Tuesday afternoon.

72nd LAA therefore goes forward to the finals to be played at Sookunpo on Wednesday, March 2, against either the 27th Lt. Bty, or the 1st King's Own.

Today's Colony XV will be:

Logan, Edwards, Blincoe, March, Moore, Brentford, Parkinson, Hata, Sleeman, Newman, Ferry, Griffiths, Petrie, Talamo, Hill.

RUSSIANS WIN THEIR FOURTH

New Delhi, Feb. 2. Russia's touring football team maintained its unbeaten record in four games today when they beat a strong Army Eleven here by four goals to nil after a goalless first half. Hunter,



Sophia Loren, Italy's 20-year-old rival to the famed Lollobrigida.

Horses For Courses

By HENRY LONGHURST

London.

We were reflecting during the President's Putter—the very playing of which, as the snowdrifts pile up to imprison us in our elevated homestead, seems more miraculous than ever—that while "horses for courses" was certainly true of golf, there were some courses, or rather tournaments, over which some horses were destined never to win.

It arose from the faintly ludicrous elimination of the Putter of the captain of the Society, Raymond Oppenheimer. One up with two to play against a vigorous opponent, who might have been one of his younger offspring, he was 10 feet from the 17th hole, with the other in a bunker—whereupon the opponent, Robin O'Brien, of Cambridge, holed out.

At the 20th O'Brien skinned his ball from another bunker over the back of the green, played a bumbling shot back with a putter so hard that the ball might well have passed over the hole without touching it—and again holed out.

IN GOOD COMPANY

The victim, who for many years has had cause to suspect Providence in connection with the Putter, and is now confirmed in his suspicions, may console himself with the thought that he is in good company. Leo Diegel, for instance.

Some of us could remember him, I can myself, as though it were yesterday, on the last given at St Andrews in 1933, putting from a dozen yards with two to tie.

He wore a grey felt hat and, while his partner was holed out, he repeatedly took it off, drawing his hand across his forehead.

When his turn came, he crunched down, spreadeagled his elbows, struck the ball, dashed after it, struck it again almost before it had stopped rolling, and missed by nine inches. One knew that Diegel was destined never to win the Open.

I must have known it too. So must Abe Mitchell, my earliest hero, when he took that terrible 84 at Deil when a 74 would have won by five clear shots.

So must Macdonald Smith, when, with 78 to win at Prestwick, his fervent Scottish supporters hustled and hustled him into an 82.

So, too, must Compston with his 82 at Hoyake and poor Jose Jurado when he played safe for a five at Carnoustie and then found he had had a four to tie.

In more modern times the game and suspicion—unjustified, as we all hope—must dawn on two great players on either side of the Atlantic, both of whom have won everything else their country has to offer.

Five times, I believe, has Dai Rees led the field after three rounds and five times has something, or somebody, turned up to match the Open Championship from his grasp.

Once Sam Snead needed only a six to win. His final shot for the title, a 30, was a shot for which every hand-picked golfer, he drove into the rough, took a brassie and dumped it into a bunker in front of his nose; tried for too much and hit the face of the bunker; got out into another bunker, out of that on to the green—"and three putts, eight."

At the long fifth at St Andrews there is a bunker 420-odd yards from the tee—a hazard from which more people have played deliberately short in two than deliberately over.

In 1933 Craig Wood drove into it—perhaps the longest recorded

drive in championship history—hit, and lost the play-off.

HAPPIER SIDE

Still, there is a happier side to the picture. It came to me that this world like Mary Tudor with a single name engraved upon their hearts, others as surely have had providence on their side.

While Craig Wood two years later was being photographed and interviewed as the winner of the Masters Tournament at Augusta, Gene Sarazen was working out that he needed four strokes to win.

He was at that moment in a caddy he some 235 yards from the 15th green. Extracting from his pocket a lucky ring given him by an admirer, he rubbed it over the head of his dusky caddy—caddy known as "Stove-pipe."

"I suppose," he records, "the real reason for the ring, made that with feeling with it tapered off the tension that was building up in me."

He decided to take a wooden club and, again in his own words, "I rode into the shot with every ounce of strength and timing I could muster. The split second I hit the ball I knew it would carry the point. I knew for the flag on a very low trajectory, no more than 30 feet in the air."

"Rushing forward to watch its flight, I saw the ball land on the green, still dead on line. I saw it hop straight for the cup, and then, while I was straining to see how close it had finished, the small gallery behind the green let out a terrific shout and began to jump wildly in the

St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders issued by Mr Fung Ping-fan, C.S.I.J., Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 35, Dated February 3, 1955.

Ambulance Duties—Hongkong.
6.2.55—12.2.55, K.C.O.B. Amb. Div. Grounds, 1955: Man-shuen Neg. Div.

Ambulance Duties—Kowloon.
7.2.55—12.2.55, Mong Kok Amb. Div.: 14.2.55—20.2.55, Kowloon Neg. Div.

Ambulance Duties—Shamshuipo Neg. Div.
12.2.55—19.2.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div.: 20.2.55—26.2.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div.

Ambulance Duties—Mainland Area.
19.2.55—26.2.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div.: 27.2.55—2.3.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div.: 3.3.55—9.3.55, Shamshuipo Neg. Div.

Ambulance Duties—At Race Course, Central Amb. Div. at Headquarters, Confucius Amb. Div.:
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HOLLYWOOD ON THE TIBER 17 MONEY-SPINNING FILMS IN TWO YEARS IS THE SOPHIA LOREN RECORD

By JOHN WREN

Rome.

Number One of the Italian girls whom film-goers far and wide will get to know in 1955 is Sophia Loren. A long-legged, five-foot-nine-inch luscious goldmine. Honey-brown eyes, strawberry-blonde hair, and the most inviting lips you ever saw.

Sophia is well on her way up to that little niche occupied by the famous Lollobrigida.

I met Sophia the other day with her mother. What a girl! Mother told me that her daughter's favourite pastime is removing all her clothes and dancing for hours to the music of her record player. In the privacy of her room, of course, her mother hastened to say.

Sophia has made 17 money-spinning pictures in two years. They include "Neapolitan Hurdy-Gurdy" seen by Britain's Queen at the Italian Film Week in London in October, also "Aida," and her latest, "River Girl."

Shot in the swamps of the Po Valley, "River Girl" will be Italy's "Beverly Hills Cop" of 1955. Her latest, "River Girl," with Silvana Mangano as the attractive worker of the rice-fields?

As if Sophia were not enough for one family, she has a little sister who is equally breathtaking. A lovely 16-year-old Maria, who is just itching to get in front of a camera. As soon as Mother gives the word.

I knew then that the ball had gone into the hole. Needless to say, he tied and won on the play-off.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 5. Orders By Lieutenant Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated February 1, 1955.

Force Orders

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Congratulatory—Force Cricket Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Cricket Teams, 1955.

Congratulatory—Force Football Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Football Teams, 1955.

Congratulatory—Force Tennis Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Tennis Teams, 1955.

Congratulatory—Force Badminton Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Badminton Teams, 1955.

Congratulatory—Force Table Tennis Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Table Tennis Teams, 1955.

Congratulatory—Force Chess Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Chess Teams, 1955.

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Congratulatory—Force Archery Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Archery Teams, 1955.

Congratulatory—Force Fencing Teams.—The Commandant congratulates the Defence Force teams for their excellent effort and success at the Force Fencing Teams, 1955.

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Boxing
Fleet Duster Tourny at China
Club 8 p.m.
Combined Malaya-Singapore at
Club 8 p.m.
Squash
Colony Championships at Victoria
Barracks 5.30 p.m.
Badminton
Senior Mixed: Recreio v CCC;
YMCA v HKU.

TOMORROW

Badminton
Thorne Cup Exhibition. St
Theresa's 8 p.m.
Junior Mixed: St John's v
KINGCOA; YMCA v YMCA; Recreio
v CCC.
Rugger
Combined Malaya-Singapore, at
Club 8 p.m.
Squash
Colony Championships at Victoria
Barracks 5.30 p.m.

2250 A MINUTE

Back to the girls. I mentioned earlier Silvana Mangano, star of "Bitter Rice." You will see her in "Ulysses" with Kirk Douglas, and in "Mambo" with Shelley Winters and Michael Rennie.

The wealthy Italian star has one vice—gambling. A seat in her fast car turns into a card-table at the touch of a button. In Italian casinos she gambles at chemin de fer at the rate of £250 a minute.

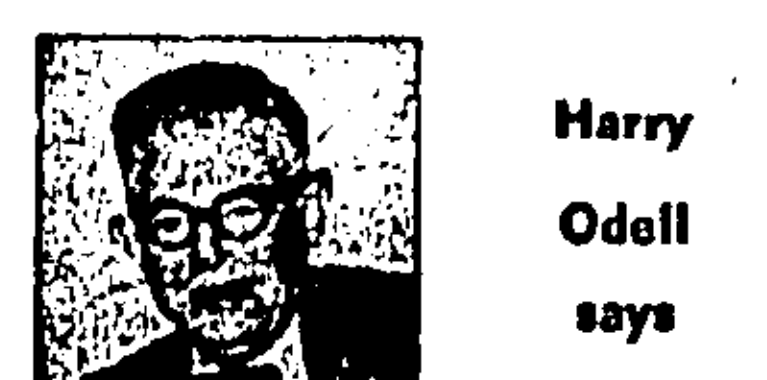
NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Colony Tennis Championships

Entries for the Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships close at 5 p.m. on the 9th February, and 1st Round Matches start on the 14th February.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops.



Harry Odell says

Don't forget WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, at the EMPIRE THEATRE. In association with the British Council I will present two of the world's greatest artists—DAME SYBIL THORNDIKE and SIR LEWIS CASSON—in a recital of Shakespeare and poetry. Please reserve your seats at

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Annie Gets A Medical

FOR half-an-hour, the two detectives watched the bird-like little woman as she pecked at the counters in the chain-store, helping herself to what took her fancy—a packet of biscuits, a shoe-polisher, a tablet of soap, some breakfast cereal, a tube of toothpaste.

They studied her method of stealing, and noted how, as she approached each counter, she held out a little hand in which was a silver coin or a purse, as if she meant to buy. So armed she felt safe to steal.

Outside the store the detectives went up to the woman whose name was Annie.

“I'D BETTER HAVE HELP,” they put it to her that she had been stealing.

“I'm not aware that I have stolen anything,” Annie snapped. “These things in your bag—”

Everything in my bag I have paid for,” Annie snapped.

But the policemen were not satisfied. Annie was taken to the police station. There, when she was charged, she said, “I feel that I paid for everything. If I haven't, you'd better get me some help, some mental help.”

She repeated that at Bow Street next morning, when she was charged with stealing before Mr. Bertman Reece. Mr. Reece heard the evidence.

USUAL ROUTINE

ANNIE, a slip of a woman, 37 years old, dark, and still very much on her dignity, went into the witness-box. She said that she lived in the north of London, was single and worked as an usherette at a cinema.

“I just went shopping usual routine,” she said.

“What is ‘usual routine’?” the magistrate inquired.

“Shopping to buy the things you need,” Annie answered.

“But stealing?”

“I'm not aware that I stole anything yesterday.”

IRRESISTIBLE

“WELL, what was the process by which these goods became yours?” Mr. Reece asked, with a glance at the goods laid out on the ledge of the witness-box.

“I feel that I paid for them,” Annie said. “If I didn't, I must ask you for medical advice. I've been feeling a little lost, off and on, for the last two years.”

“But you are able to work?”

“Yes, but I work in the cinema at the cinema. I particularly asked the manager not to let me partake of anything that could confuse me.”

“I'm afraid the evidence is irresistible,” said the magistrate.

He turned again to the policeman who had arrested Annie.

REQUEST GRANTED

“DO you know anything about this neurotic state that she has been talking about?” he asked.

“No, sir,” the officer said. “It seems to have developed this morning. Yesterday, she was most defiant. She has been in her present job for the last two years, earning £4 a week.”

“Execute me,” Annie interrupted. “May I say something?”

“Yes,” the magistrate said.

“I feel I paid for these things.”

“I shall remand you,” said the magistrate, “for a mental and physical report. That seems to be what you want.”

“Better so, sir,” Annie said. She went away contented, and outside they explained to her that the medical attention she felt she needed would be given in the hospital block at Holloway prison.

Post Office Sale

London, Feb. 2.

Stamps are not all the Post Office sells.

Every three months, the London Returned Letter Branch puts up for sale about 2½ tons of pipe bends, elbows, sockets, rods and bolts.

These small, but heavy, items are found loose in the sorting offices where they have dropped out of badly packed parcels.

Some of the stuff which the Post Office finds itself selling are door and window fittings, band saws and hack saw blades—China Mail Special.

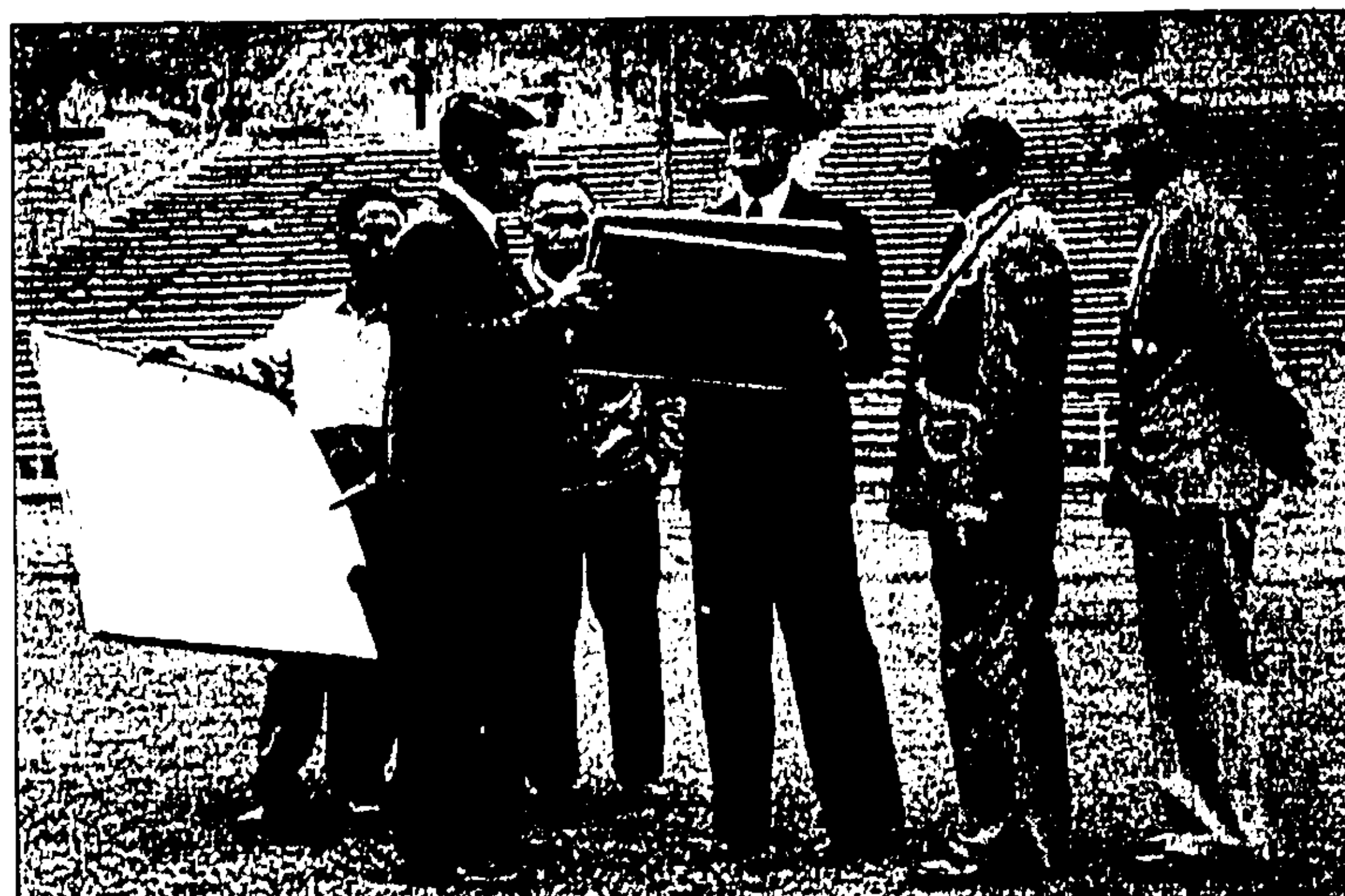
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1955.

H.E. Inspects Stadium Construction



Libel Action Settled Out Of Court

A libel action brought by Senator Pierre Bertaux, a former Director-General of the French Surete Nationale — France's Scotland Yard — against a British newspaper group has been settled out of court, it was announced here today.

The newspapers include the London Express Newspapers Limited, publishers of the Daily Express and the Sunday Express, among others.

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Governor Sees Public Works Under Way

The main construction work of the 28,500-seat stadium at Sookunpoo is expected to finish in May and the stadium should be ready for use when the football season opens this year, officials of the Public Works Department declared this morning.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by the Hon. T. L. Bowring, Director of Public Works, visited the site this morning and inspected the various aspects of the construction in progress.

The Governor spent about half an hour at the stadium where he was met and briefed by Mr. J. J. Robson, Mr. W. L. Bell, and Mr. G. P. Norrison, Acting Chief Engineer, engineer, and architect respectively of the PWD.

The international-size football field, measuring 120 yards by 60 yards, is near completion. Encircling the field is a seven-lane 450-metre cinder running track. In the course of blasting, more rocks have been encountered at the site of the stadium than anticipated. This is one of the construction problems and the main cause for the delay, PWD officials said.

NEW ROAD

Earlier, the Governor visited other public works projects in the Causeway Bay area.

Arriving with Mr. Bowring at Yee Woo Street outside Roxy Theatre shortly after 8 a.m., His Excellency was met by Mr. W. T. Knight, PWD engineer, who explained the road construction work now being undertaken at the junction of Yee Woo Street and Causeway Road.

This was followed by a visit to the nearly-completed Victoria Park. There His Excellency abandoned his limousine for a convertible and, having met Mr. A. M. J. Wright, Chief Architect, Mr. J. R. Whitaker, engineer, Mr. A. Pelling, Inspector of Works, and Mr. H. Sobey, Clerk of Works, made a tour of length and breadth of the Park.

Radio Hongkong

H.K. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.55, Jazz Half Hour presented by Robert Adelson (Radio); 6.55, Portuguese Half Hour (Radio); 6.55, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.05, Commentary (London Relay); 7.30, James Stewart Interviewed; 7.40, Glenn Brooks (recorded); 7.45, Musical Notebook—presented by the Rev. Father J. F. Ryan, S.J. (studio); 7.50, Radio News; 8.00, The Experts solve a problem, set by Edward J. Mason, No. 1 “The Gentlemen” presented by the Rev. Father J. F. Ryan, S.J. (studio); 8.15, At the Opera, “La Boheme” presented by the Rev. Father J. F. Ryan, S.J. (studio); 8.30, Chorus of Professions of Orchestra and Artists del Coro of La Scala, Milan; 8.45, Musical Notebook—presented by the Rev. Father J. F. Ryan, S.J. (studio); 8.55, Weather Report; 9.00, Radio News; 9.15, Time Signal; 9.30, Radio News; 9.45, Musical Notebook—presented by the Rev. Father J. F. Ryan, S.J. (studio); 10.00, God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

TROOPS RETURN FROM LEAVE

A group of about 100 Gurkhas troops of the Hongkong Garrison returned from leave in the ss Sirdhana from India this morning.

The troops comprised members of the 2/2 and 2/7 Gurkhas Rifles and the Gurkha Signal. Several brought with them their wives and children.

Prisoners Freed

Twenty-one officers and men of the Nationalist Chinese army, captured on Yikiangshan Island, were released yesterday by the Chinese Communist army on the Chekiang front, the New China News Agency said tonight—Reuter.

London Psychiatrist Gives Evidence For Defence In The Quie Case

Dr Desmond Curran, described as a “distinguished psychiatrist”, who arrived from London on Friday last, was called to give expert evidence on behalf of the Defence in the Quie Case at the Supreme Court this morning.

Dr Curran emphasised in the course of his evidence that “insane” patients were not necessarily certifiable.

Asked when he would say that a person who is mentally sick becomes certifiable, witness said when he falls into the category by which it becomes necessary or expedient that he be put under care and supervision.

Defendants are Dr P. M. Yap, Government psychiatrist and medical officer-in-charge of the Mental Hospital, Dr S. H. Moore, of the Medical Department and Prof. A. J. S. McFadden of Queen Mary Hospital.

Plaintiff is Mr Joseph Leslie Quie. He is suing the defendants for \$250,000 damages for alleged injury to himself from the defendants' alleged negligence in connection with his detention in a mental home for observation, or for his certification as being of unsound mind and consequential confinement in a mental home.

Mr Quie is represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Lawrence Leong and Mr R. W. S. Winter, all instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

Defendants are represented by Mr F. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel. The hearing is before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and a Jury.

The first witness this morning was Mr C. S. Ford, solicitor, practising under the name of Ford, Kwan and Co. He said he had known Mr and Mrs Quie for many years. Shown a document relating to receivership proceedings, witness said he acted in those proceedings in connection with the appointment of a receiver for the estate of Mr Quie following his certification in April, 1952.

Mr Ford said he saw Mr Quie once in the Mental Hospital, after Mr Quie's admission on March 14 that year. He also saw Dr Yap at the Hospital and gave him certain information which he had learned from Mrs Quie.

PREPARED AGREEMENT

He was aware that Plaintiff was going to purchase a piece of land in Nathan Road, continued witness. He was the one who prepared the agreement of sale and purchase. The purchase price was \$500,000. Plaintiff was going to pull down the existing building in Nathan Road and erect a seven-storey building costing \$2,500,000.

Witness said he discussed Mr Quie's scheme with Dr Yap. He told Dr Yap that Mr Quie was a little optimistic. He could not remember the exact words he used, as this happened three years ago.

Asked why he thought Plaintiff was “optimistic,” witness said he took into consideration that Mr Quie was owing the bank \$400,000 at the time.

Witness said he also discussed with Dr Yap a letter, Mr Quie had written to A. S. Watson and Co. He told Dr Yap that to his mind the letter was libellous.

Asked what impressions he obtained of Mrs Quie immediately before March 14, Mr Ford said he expected to be very attentive to Mr Quie. She also struck him as being very nervous.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Cross-examining, Mr McNeill asked witness whether as a building mortgagee one could get a very substantial part of the costs of the building, amounting to about 70 per cent. Witness replied that he thought 60 per cent would be a fair estimate. That would include costs on the land and building.

Mr McNeill: It is not uncommon, is it, for a person who proposed a scheme of this kind, to look around for outside finance?

Witness: Yes.

Mr McNeill: Applications for exemptions of land from the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance is quite common, is it?—Not so common as now?

But the provisions existed then (in 1952)?—Yes.

He was on the advisory Committee on Mental Health in the Central Health Services Council and Member of the Council of the Royal Medical and Psychological Association. He had also been a Member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians.

In 1951, witness continued, he was President of the Psychiatric Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. In 1952 he was President of the Psychiatric Section of the British Medical Association at its General Meeting. He also held the post of Recognized Teacher of Psychiatry at London University.

Dr Curran said he was at present a Member of the Psychiatric Sub-Committee of the Southwest Regional Board. He was the first psychiatrist to be appointed to the Board which had to administer some 30,000 beds.

Witness said he was the author of the book, “Psychological Medicine,” in the process of being printed now. This book, he agreed with Mr Blair-Kerr, he had written in line with the Courts of Law in the United Kingdom, and had been quoted during the present proceedings.

He was also the author of numerous articles in various British and American textbooks and journals.

Dr Curran said he arrived in Hongkong from London on Friday evening, and he had been present in the Court since last Monday morning. He had listened to the latter part of the examination of Dr Yap, and all the evidence of Dr Moore, Dr Dawson-Grove, Mrs Quie, Nurse Luk and Mr Ford.

Witness was shown all the various exhibits relevant to the case, and he agreed with Counsel that he had seen them.

He said he had been informed that Mr Quie's mother was a certified patient since 1951. He had been informed the disease was paralytic.

VISITS HOSPITAL

Dr Curran said he had also read the Mental Hospital Ordinance, Chapter 135, and he was familiar with the portions of the Lunacy Act in the United Kingdom.

Witness said he had visited the Mental Hospital in Hongkong in England there were about four beds per 1,000 of the population.

Mr Blair-Kerr: If I tell you that Hongkong has a city of two-and-a-half million what would you say in regard to the adequacy of conditions?

Witness: Even allowing for the local conditions and customs, it is very grossly inadequate.

Asked what were the reasons for the certification of a patient in the United Kingdom, witness said that when dealing with a patient suffering from mental disorder for disease the reasons for certification were to protect the public, and also for the welfare of the patient.

Witness added that he should like to emphasize that insane patients—persons suffering from mental illness—were not necessarily certifiable.

LAST WITNESS

Mr Blair-Kerr then announced that he proposed to call his last witness. “And that is Dr Desmond Curran, a distinguished psychiatrist,” he added.

Entering the witness box, Dr Curran said his qualifications were FRCP, MD, BS, Cambridge. He was the holder of a diploma in Psychological Medicine, and had 20 years' experience in psychiatry. He was Senior Consultant Psychiatrist at St George's Hospital, London.

Mr Blair-Kerr: That has one of the largest, if not the largest, psychiatric department in any London teaching hospital.

Witness: That is so.

You have under you four other consultants and 14 junior staff—I would not say that I am not a hierarchy. They are my colleagues, but I am the senior consultant.

Dr Curran went on to say that he was the Civil Consultant in Psychological Medicine to the Royal Navy. During the war, he held the rank in the Naval Reserve of Surgeon Captain, and Consultant in Psychological Medicine.

Mail Notices

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Korea, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

By Air
Philippines, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Swaziland, France & Great Britain, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan & Korea, 10 a.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 11 a.m.
Indo-China, 11 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Indonesia, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB 5

By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan & U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Italy, France, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 2 p.m.

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